

**Commonwealth of Virginia
Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS)**

Use of Taxonomy Codes on Claim Submissions

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With the implementation of the National Provider Identifier (NPI), it will become necessary in some cases to include a taxonomy code on claims submitted to DMAS for all of our programs: Medicaid, FAMIS, and SLH. Prior to using the NPI, DMAS assigned a unique number to a provider for each of the service types performed. But with NPI, a provider may only have one NPI and bill for more than one service type with that number. Since claims are adjudicated and paid based on the service type, our system must determine which service type the provider intended to be assigned to a particular claim. If the NPI can represent more than one service type, a taxonomy code must be sent so the appropriate service type can be assigned.

Notes:

- ⇒ DMAS recommends that if possible, organization providers obtain an NPI for each service type. This eliminates the need to send a taxonomy code and removes any question about which service type is involved.
- ⇒ Individual providers may only have one NPI, so if an individual provider performs multiple service types, a taxonomy code should be included on all claims.
- ⇒ Taxonomy codes are never needed by providers that submit claims using an Atypical Provider ID (API).
- ⇒ While a taxonomy code is not always required, it can always be sent. It will only be used when needed.

What is Taxonomy?

- The term “taxonomy” is used to refer to the orderly classification of things.
- Here it refers to the classification of healthcare providers by the assignment of a 10 character code to each category of healthcare professional, organization, type, or specialty.
- Examples:
 - Clinical Medical Laboratory, **291U00000X**
 - Dental Laboratory, **292200000X**
 - Geriatric Medicine, **207QG0300X**
 - Sports Medicine, **207QS0010X**
- Payers are allowed to require submission of a taxonomy code when it is needed to process a claim.
- For more information on taxonomy codes, see <http://www.wpc-edi.com/codes/taxonomy>

Which DMAS Providers are not Impacted by Taxonomy?

- Most physicians/fee-for-service practitioners are **not** impacted by taxonomy, there are some exceptions.
 - Some exceptions include:
 - Professional groups sharing one organization NPI with a parent Hospital/Facility
 - Mental Health/Mental Retardation Services
 - Services for Waiver Recipients
- This list of exceptions is not comprehensive and will be subject to change.

Which DMAS Providers are Impacted by Taxonomy?

- DMAS will require taxonomy codes on claim submissions in situations where providers have not enumerated with separate NPIs based on the type of service being provided.
- For example, if a hospital obtains a single NPI, then DMAS will require the hospital to submit taxonomy to distinguish between claim submissions for the acute care portion of the facility, the rehabilitation unit, and transportation services.
- If you are a provider that will submit claims using one NPI for services that fall into different taxonomy classifications, then DMAS will recommend use of taxonomy on your claim submission.
- If you are a provider that has multiple Medicaid Provider Identification Numbers, and these IDs are used to bill different services (e.g., acute care versus emergency transportation), then DMAS recommends that you obtain an NPI corresponding to each of your different Medicaid Provider Identifiers. If you do not subpart in this manner then you will be required to include taxonomy on your claim submissions.
- Some examples of Providers that will need to submit taxonomy:
 - Both Pharmacy and DME
 - Any combination of Respite Care, Personal Care, Private Duty Nursing, and/or Case Management Waiver
 - Acute Care and Rehabilitation
 - Acute Care and Emergency Transportation
 - Hospitals that obtain only one NPI

Claim Submissions and Taxonomy

- Refer to the Virginia Medicaid Provider Manual for instructions on how to submit Taxonomy on your paper claim submissions.
- On a CMS-1500 claim, there may be one taxonomy code per service line.
- On a UB-04 claim, there may only be one taxonomy code per bill.
- On 837 electronic claim transactions, the taxonomy code is submitted in the PRV Segment of the 2000A Billing Provider Loop and/or the PRV segment of the 2420A Rendering Provider loop.
- If claims are denied because of the need for a taxonomy code or an invalid taxonomy code, DMAS will indicate this by use of new Reject Codes for paper remittances, and use of standard Remark Codes on 835 RA Transactions.

DMAS Recommended Taxonomy Codes by Service Type

Service Type Description	Taxonomy Code(s)
Hospital, in state, General	282N00000X
Rehabilitation Unit of Hospital	273Y00000X
Psych Unit of Hospital	273R00000X
State Mental Hospital (Aged)	Unknown at this time
Private Mental Hosp. (inpatient)	283Q00000X
Long Stay Hospital	281P00000X
TB Hospital	Unknown at this time
Skilled Nursing Home MH	Unknown at this time
State Mental Hospital (under 21 years of age)	261QD1600X
State Mental Health	
Medical Surgery - MR	Unknown at this time
Skilled Nursing Home Non-MH	314000000X
Skilled Nursing Facility - MR	Unknown at this time
Long Stay Inpatient Hosp. MH	Unknown at this time
Med-Surgical MH Retardation	Unknown at this time
Rehabilitation Hospital	283X00000X
Intermediate Nursing Facility (ICF)	313M00000X
ICF - MH	310500000X
ICF - MR - State Owned	315P00000X
ICF - MR - Community Owned	310500000X
CORF	261QR0401X
Physician	The first 3 digits of the taxonomy code would be 204, 207 or 208 for physician services
Licensed Professional Counselor	101YP2500X
Treatment Foster Care	Atypical
Nurse Practitioner	363LF0000X, 363LN0000X, 363LN0005X, 363LX0001X, 363LP0200X
Licensed Psychologist	103TH0100X
Clinical Psychologist	103TC0700X
Chiropractor	111N00000X
Christian Science SNF	317400000X
Skilled Nursing Facility - State	Unknown at this time
ICF - State	Unknown at this time
Podiatrist	213E00000X

Service Type Description	Taxonomy Code(s)
Optometrist	152W00000X
Optician	156FX1800X
Nurse Anesthetist	367500000X
Clinical Nurse Specialist - Psychiatric	364SP0807X, 364SP0808X, 364SP0809X, 364SP0810X, 364SP0811X, 364SP0812X, 364SP0813X
Nurse Midwife	176B00000X, 367A00000X
Case Management	
Prenatal Nutrition	133N00000X, 133V00000X
Hearing Aids	237600000X, 237700000X, 332S00000X
Respiratory Therapist	227900000X
Dentist	122300000X
Dental Clinic	261QD0000X
Dental Clinic - MH/MR	261QD0000X
Speech/Language Pathologist	235Z00000X
Audiologist	231H00000X
Occupational Therapist	225X00000X
Hospice	251G00000X, 315D00000X
Respite Care	385H00000X
Adult Day Care	Atypical
Ambulatory Surgical Center	261QA1903X
Renal Unit	261QE0700X
Health Department Clinic	251K0000X, 261QH0100X
Federal Qualified Health Clinic	261QF0400X
Rural Health Clinic	261QR1300X
Physical Therapist	225100000X
Personal Care	3747P1801X
MH-MR	261QM0801X
Rehabilitation Agency	261QR0400X
Home Health Agency - State	251E00000X
Home Health Agency - Private	Unknown at this time
Pharmacy	333600000X
Family Caregiver Training	Atypical
Durable Medical Equipment/Supplies	332B00000X
Private Duty	Unknown at this time
Prosthetic Services	222Z00000X, 224P00000X, 335E00000X
Eldercare Program	Unknown at this time

Service Type Description	Taxonomy Code(s)
Independent Laboratory	291U00000X, 293D00000X
Substance Abuse Clinic (FAMIS)	261QR0405X, 276400000X
Education Services	251300000X
Case Management Waiver	251B00000X
Head Start Clinic	
MR Waiver Services	251C00000X, 320900000X
Licensed Clinical Social Worker	1041C0700X
Psychiatric Residential Inpatient Facility	323P00000X, 322D00000X
Licensed Social Worker	104100000X
Assisted Living	310400000X
Transportation	3416L0300X
Registered Driver	347C00000X, 343900000X, 343800000X
Emergency Air Ambulance	3416A0800X
Out of State Transportation	3416L0300X
Out of State Emergency Air Ambulance	3416A0800X
Out of State Rehabilitation Hosp	283X00000X
Out of State ICF	
HMO Medallion 11	302R00000X
Tax Group	None
Out of State Supply	332B00000X
Out of State - Hospital	282N00000X
Out of State - SNF	314000000X
Out of State Clinic	251K00000X, 261QH0100X
Out of State Home Health	251E00000X
Out of State Physician	The first 3 digits of the taxonomy code would be 204, 207 or 208 for physician services
Out of State Pharmacy	333600000X
Out of State - Dental	122300000X, 261QD00000X
Out of State Laboratory	291U00000X, 293D00000X
School Psychologist	103TS0200X
Marriage & Family Therapist	106H00000X
Pace Provider	Unknown at this time

1. If a Taxonomy Code is not listed for your service type, it is not required.
2. If you have NPI or Taxonomy questions please e-mail NPI@dmass.virginia.gov

Note: The DMAS Taxonomy Code guidelines and crosswalk presented in this document are subject to change.